

TO: State Directors, Rural Development

ATTN: Community Programs Managers

FROM: James C. Kearney (Signed by James C. Kearney)
Administrator
Rural Housing Service

SUBJECT: Evidence of Significant Community Support for
Essential Community Facilities Projects.

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

The purpose of this Administrative Notice (AN) is to implement the statutory requirement of Section 381 I (7 U.S.C. 2990h) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT).

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

There is no previous AN on this subject.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

Section 381 I of the CONACT requires evidence of significant community support in the form of a certification of support for each project or facility from any affected local government body. The certificate is required for all Community Facilities guaranteed loans, direct loans, and grants.

With the exceptions of essential community facilities owned by a local public body or a federally recognized Indian tribe serving local residents or tribal members, a certificate of support must be obtained from each affected local government within the service area of the facility. The term "local government" also includes tribal governments when tribal lands are within the service area. The certificate of support must be signed by an authorized official of the local government.

EXPIRATION DATE:
January 31, 2001

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
Preceding RD Instruction
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There is no requirement for financial support. The certificate of support should include sufficient information to determine that a community facility will provide needed services to the community and will have no adverse impact on other community facilities providing similar services. The applicant is required to provide sufficient information to affected local governments as may be needed to obtain the certificate of support.

For questions concerning this AN, please contact Dan Spieldenner, Senior Loan Specialist, (202) 720-9700.